

### **REMARKS**

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 16-32 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits.

Claims 1-15 have been cancelled. No new matter is being introduced into the application as originally filed.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

In the Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, the Examiner indicates that claims 16-32 are allowed. Therefore, in the present response, Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 1-15 so that the Examiner may issue a Notice of Allowance with regard to claims 16-32.

### **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the amendments and remarks presented herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of pending claims 16-32 are allowed and patentable under Title 35 of the United States Code.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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